



## IN THE SPECIFICATION

1 Please amend the specification beginning at page 1 as follows:

### 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

5 Selectively collapsible containers are commonly used to hold seeds, suet and the like as food for wild animals such as birds, squirrels, etc. Many of the collapsible wild game feeders of the prior art are constructed from plastic polymer, natural fiber mesh or netting. Mesh or netting feeders have the advantage of not requiring a rod, dowel or other support for small birds, since the birds can perch on the mesh or net and feed at any exposed location on the feeder. Examples of mesh or net feeders of the prior art including the Thistle Pouch brand feeder manufactured by Havegard Farm, Inc. of Algoma, Wisconsin, and Feather Friends E-Z Feeders brand wild bird feeder marketed by Canine's Choice of Marion, Indiana. Other types of collapsible feeders are disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,203,281; 4,706,871; 4,706,851 and 4,026,025 4,026,244. Another type of collapsible wild game feeder is described in applicant's U.S. Patent No. 15 5,479,881. The feeder of the '881 patent consists of a solid, weather-resistant bag fitted with openings at its base to allow attachment of rods for perching and access to the seed or other food contained in the bag.

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REMARKS

Approval and entry of this amendment is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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